



*Town of Mansfield*  
*Proclamation in Honor of Older Americans Month 2011*

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is a community that includes many citizens aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Mansfield are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations, and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, our society can be enhanced by older adults aging peacefully in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in Mansfield should be commended for their role in creating and bolstering the fiber of our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older Americans by: increasing their opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens; providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow seniors to foster and maintain connections within the community; emphasizing the value of elders by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength, and unity of our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I Elizabeth C. Paterson, the Mayor of Mansfield, on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, do hereby proclaim May 2011 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older Americans and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

*Elizabeth C. Paterson*

Mayor, Town of Mansfield

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